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SUBJECT: CANADA'S BEEF IMPORT/EXPORT POLICY

REF: OTTAWA 3478

1. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN SURMISE, CANADIAN MEAT IMPORT INTERESTS HAVE BEEN PRESSING GOC TO INCREASE BEEF IMPORTS. ON JUNE 19, FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACTIONS ON INCREASED BEEF IMPORTS, THE MEAT IMPORT COMMITTEE OF THE CANADIAN IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION REQUESTED GOC TO INCREASE IMPORTS BY 10 MILLION POUNDS DURING THE LAST HALF OF 1978.
2. ITC MINISTER HORNER REPLIED: "AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE SUPPLY POSITION, IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY NEED, AT THIS TIME, FOR INCREASES IN THE EXISTING LEVELS OF ACCESS FOR BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTED INTO CANADA. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT AT THIS TIME ANTICIPATE ANY INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES".

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3. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WHELAN REPLIED: "THERE HAS BEEN A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE BEEF MARKETING STRUCTURE AND OUTLOOK RECENTLY BUT WE DO NOT INTEND TO ALTER THE PRESENT MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS. CONFIDENCE MUST BE RESTORED TO OUR PRODUCERS TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION AND ANY CHANGE IN IMPORT QUOTAS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL. IN ANY EVENT HIGHER PRICES IN AUSTRALIA

MEANS THAT THE WORLD MARKET HAS SMALLER SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVELS.

"WHILE PRICES HAVE GONE UP SUBSTANTIALY IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOTAL INDUSTRY TO ENCOURAGE PRODUCERS AND THIS IS A NORMAL MARKET ADJUSTMENT".

4. EMBASSY HAS COPIES OF THESE REPLIES. ENDERS

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